

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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Mid Day Meal for Students of Drought Affected Areas

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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to serve mid day meal everyday including holidays to the students in drought-hit states;
- (b) if so, the details thereof State/UT wise including State of Uttar Pradesh;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has allocated additional amounts to drought affected States in order to serve the midday meal to the school children all days of the week; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof State/ UT-wise including the State of Uttar Pradesh and if not, the reason therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

(a) to (e): The Mid Day Meal Guidelines envisage serving of mid day meals in elementary schools during summer vacation in areas which are formally notified by the concerned State Governments as drought affected. The number of days on which meals are to be served during summer vacation are decided by the State Governments concerned. Under the scheme, proposals for serving mid day meal during summer vacation in respect of drought affected areas of 12 States viz. Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan, Telangana, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh have been approved by this Ministry.

In addition to an amount of Rs. 2572.32 crore released to the States as part of regular grant for the year 2016-17, an amount of Rs. 480.91 crore has been released to 12 States for serving mid day meals during summer vacation in drought affected areas. The State-wise details of additional grant released to drought affected areas of 12 States including Uttar Pradesh are given at Annexure.

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